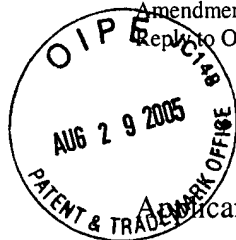


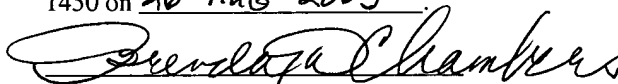
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 26 May 2005, please amend the subject application
and consider the remarks set forth herein.

- I. Amendment to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- II. Amendment to the Drawings beginning on page 6 of this paper.
- III. Amendment to the Claims beginning on page 7 of this paper.
- IV. Remarks beginning on page 10 of this paper.
- V. Appendix – Drawing sheets 1/5 to 5/5, each labeled “Replacement Sheet” following
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